

REMARKS

In the instant restriction requirement, the Examiner requested an election of the following groups:

Group I. Claims 2-6, 13, 14, drawn to a method for the production of intervertebral disk cell transplants.

Group II. Claims 7-10, 12, 15, drawn to intervertebral disk cell transplant.

Group III. Claim 11, drawn to a method for testing active substances using the intervertebral disk cell transplants.

Group IV. Claim 16, drawn to a method for treating affected intervertebral disks using the intervertebral disk cell transplant.

The applicants hereby elect **Group I, Claims 2-6, 13, 14**, without traverse.

The applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of the non-elected embodiment(s) in a divisional application. Moreover, applicants hereby reserve the right to rejoin embodiments, should rejoinder be appropriate.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires any further extension of time, Applicants respectfully requests that this be considered a petition therefore. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No.

14-1263.

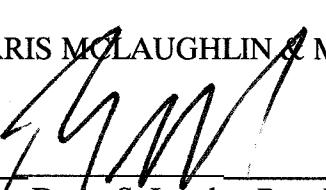
ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

Respectfully submitted,

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